FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Based on the experience of sub-Saharan Africa, the collateral damage of the AIDS epidemic could dwarf the collective impact of every other disease known by humankind.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

The total lifetime health care costs, including antiretroviral therapy for the figures quoted in Part-B of the question would be approximately Rs. 35,000-to 49,000 crore, if the cost per patient per year is estimated to be Rs. 20,000 and the average life span of the patient is increased by 5 - 7 years.

Complaints against Functioning of Medical Colleges

1868. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been receiving complaints against the functioning of Medical Colleges;

(b) if so, the nature of complaints and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether Government are going to review the functioning of Medical Colleges and their administration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In the normal course, the Ministry received number of complaints on miscellaneous matters viz. adminsitrative, corruption and ragging etc. Complaints are also received by the Medical Council of India regarding lack of infrastructural facilities, standard of Medical Education etc. in the Medical Colleges, which are enquired into by the Council. Wherever necessary, the colleges are advised to rectify the deficiencies pointed out by the Council's Inspectors.

Health being a State subject, the concerned adminsitrative authorities are required to undertake the periodic review of the functioning of the Medical Colleges under their control.